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The Director of Central Intelligence

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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Vice President

Here are three papers which you may find useful both as background for your discussions in Europe and for assessing moves the Soviets might make and things you may hear during your trip.

The first lays out some scenarios on how the Soviets might try to impact your trip and other developments leading up to the German election. It comes from officers in our Soviet, European and Arms Control analytical groups.

The second deals with Soviet strategy to derail INF deployment. It assesses Soviet purposes and lays out and projects negotiating strategy and political strategy, as well as possible options and plans available to them if the negotiations and political moves fail. It reports much of what we have been seeing and know about Soviet involvement in and financial support to European peace groups. It speculates on Soviet positions and negotiations through the balance of this year on the type of agreement Moscow might accept and on available military and other options if their negotiations and political moves fail. Finally, the last two pages lists the significant events and meetings in Europe during 1983 which could provide opportunities for Soviet moves.

Thirdly, there is the draft of our estimate on the Soviet approach to arms control which is ready to be brought to the NFIB for final action next week or early the following week. This is the first Intelligence Community estimate on Soviet arms control objectives since 1968. It's been a long hard pull but I think it is now a realistic review of what can be learned from our earlier negotiating experience and what the Soviets can now be judged to be seeking in current negotiations.

If there are any significant changes in judgments while the estimate is going through processing, I will see that word gets to you.

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On that score we will be sending [redacted] FBIS reporting on press and radio comment on your trip. We will similarly be sending Marty Feldstein a separate cable covering new information which comes along on Third World debt and other developments in the international financial and economic situation.

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